

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2639**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fong**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 6219 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2639, as introduced, Fong. State government: governmental linguistics.

Existing law requires each department, commission, office, or other administrative agency of state government to use plain, straightforward language in a state agency document. Existing law defines a state agency document as any contract, form, license, announcement, regulation, manual, memorandum, or any other written communication that is necessary to carry out the agency's responsibilities under the law.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 6219 of the Government Code is amended
- 2     to read:
- 3     6219. (a) Each department, commission, office, or other
- 4     administrative agency of state government shall write each
- 5     document that it produces in plain, straightforward language,

- 1 avoiding technical terms as much as possible, and using a coherent
- 2 and easily readable style.
- 3 (b) As used in this section, a “state agency document” means
- 4 ~~any~~ a contract, form, license, announcement, regulation, manual,
- 5 memorandum, or ~~any~~ other written communication that is necessary
- 6 to carry out the agency’s responsibilities under the law.